

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE UTAH COUNTY COMMISSION APRIL 13, 2015 IN THE COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE COUNTY BUILDING AT 152 EAST 100 NORTH, VERNAL, UTAH. MEETING COMMENCED AT 11:00 AM.**

**PARTICIPANTS:** COMMISSIONERS BILL STRINGER, MARK RAYMOND, AND MICHAEL MCKEE.

**ATTENDANCE:** LIBERTY BEST, KRISTEN BAUMGARTEN, JC BREWER, ELLEN KIEVER, MICHAEL WILKINS, CHERYL MEIER, BRYAN MEIER, JEFF ELLIS, WENDI LONG, BARBARA SIMPER, BRENDA MCDONALD, MATT CAZIER, ROBERT BARNHILL, AND JON STEARMER.

**PRAYER** GIVEN BY ELLEN KIEVER

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** LED BY MICHAEL WILKINS

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR COMMISSION MINUTES APRIL 6, 2015**

**APPROVAL OF SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION MINUTES APRIL 8, 2015**

**WARRANTS** DATED APRIL 9, 2015 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,370,186.15 WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

**TAX MATTERS:** NONE

**BUSINESS LICENSES:** ROBERT BARNHILL

MEADOW GOLD DAIRIES HAS REQUESTED A REINSTATEMENT OF AN INACTIVE BUSINESS LICENSE. THEY ARE LOCATED AT 570 NORTH 2500 WEST IN C-1 ZONING. THIS IS AN OFFICE AND SEVERAL TRUCKS. THEY DO NOT STORE ANY PRODUCTS AT THIS LOCATION. THEY HAVE RECEIVED THE NECESSARY SIGNATURES. APPROVAL RECOMMENDED WITH THE CONDITIONS TO FOLLOW ALL C-1 ZONING REGULATIONS.

EVANS RESIDENTIAL SERVICES, OWNED BY GREG EVANS, LOCATED AT 7801 EAST 7500 NORTH, LAPOINT IN A-1 ZONING. THIS IS A HOME BASED BUSINESS FOR PAINTING ADDRESS NUMBERS ON CURBS AND LAWN AERATING SERVICES. APPROVAL RECOMMENDED WITH THE CONDITIONS TO FOLLOW ALL A-1 ZONING AND HOME BUSINESS REGULATIONS.

RIVERSIDE LANDSCAPING SERVICES, OWNED BY JORGE BELTRAN, LOCATED AT 1379 SOUTH 570 EAST APARTMENT 8B, VERNAL IN R-2 ZONING. HE WILL BE MOWING LAWNS. THE APARTMENT MANAGER HAS PROVIDED APPROVAL. COMMISSIONER STRINGER ASKED ABOUT EQUIPMENT STORAGE. ROBERT BARNHILL INDICATED HE WAS ALSO CONCERNED. JORGE WILL HAVE A PICKUP AND THE MANAGER HAS APPROVED IT. APPROVAL RECOMMENDED WITH THE CONDITIONS TO FOLLOW ALL R-2 ZONING AND HOME BUSINESS REGULATIONS.

COMMISSIONER STRINGER MOVED TO APPROVE THE THREE BUSINESS LICENSES WITH THE RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CEMETERY CERTIFICATES:** NONE

**REGIONAL HISTORY CENTER REPORT ON DEAD MAN'S BENCH – ELLEN KIEVER**

ABOUT A YEAR AGO, ARDEN STEWART APPROACHED ELLEN ABOUT PUTTING A NEW GRANITE HEADSTONE ON A GRAVE ON DEAD MAN'S BENCH. THIS WOULD BE A LARGE EXPENSE. ELLEN AND HER HUSBAND BUILT A CHAIN LINK FENCE AROUND THE GRAVE ON BEHALF OF THE REGIONAL HISTORY CENTER. THEY WERE UNABLE TO FIND AN INTERESTED EAGLE SCOUT TO TAKE ON THE PROJECT. THE FINAL STEP IS TO PLACE THE SIGN THE CONTAINS THE STORY OF THE GRAVE, ON THE FENCE BEHIND THE HEADSTONE. THIS IS THE STORY OF BILL REDMAN, 1854 TO 1883.

KRISTEN BAUMGARTEN ASKED HOW LONG THE PROJECT TOOK. FROM THE FIRST APPROACH BY ARDEN TO TODAY, HAS BEEN ABOUT A YEAR. IT TOOK TWO DAYS TO ERECT THE FENCE AND SEVERAL TRIPS TO THE STONE CUTTER.

COMMISSIONER STRINGER ASKED WHERE THE BACKGROUND INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED. ELLEN RESPONDED. THE BLM WAS ALSO CONCERNED WITH THE STORY AS THEY HAD TWO DIFFERENT NAMES FOR THE GRAVE. GEORGE LONG IS A LOCAL HISTORIAN AND HAD WRITTEN TWO STORIES, ONE WITH THE NAME BILL RED AND THE OTHER WILLIAM REDMAN. THERE WAS ALSO A STORY BY ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL ABOUT BILL REDMAN. THEY HAVE ASSUMED THE THREE NAMES ARE THE SAME INDIVIDUAL. ELLEN ALSO NOTED THERE ARE OTHER GRAVES IN THIS AREA AND THE HISTORY CENTER WOULD LIKE TO IDENTIFY THEM IN ORDER TO RECOGNIZE THEIR FINAL RESTING PLACES.

JC BREWER TOOK A MOMENT TO COMPLIMENT THE REGIONAL HISTORY CENTER FOR THE HARD WORK DONE TO LOCATE, IDENTIFY AND PRESERVE THE HISTORY OF OUR COUNTY. THEY ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED. COMMISSIONER MCKEE NOTED THERE ARE A NUMBER OF SITES THAT SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED SO THEY ARE NOT LOST FOREVER.

#### **ACCESS POINTS FOR THE NEW GLINES CHAPEL ON AGGIE BOULEVARD**

JEFF CALDER, LDS CHURCH FACILITIES MANAGER, APPROACHED THE COMMISSIONERS LAST WEEK. HE REQUESTED ACCESS ON AGGIE BOULEVARD FOR A NEW CHAPEL SOUTH OF THE GLINES STAKE CENTER NEAR THE ROUNDABOUT. ACCESS IS LIMITED ON THIS STREET AND MUST HAVE COMMISSION APPROVAL. THE FIRE MARSHALL HAS INDICATED THEY MUST HAVE TWO ACCESSES TO HAVE SUFFICIENT ACCESS TO THE CHAPEL. JON STEARMER ASKED IF THEY WOULD STILL BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN AN ENCROACHMENT PERMIT OR OTHER PERMITS. YES, THEY WOULD.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND MOVED TO APPROVE THE TWO ADDITIONAL ACCESSSES ON AGGIE BOULEVARD SOUTH OF THE CURRENT GLINES STAKE CENTER NOTING THEY MUST COMPLY WITH ALL ORDINANCES AND RECEIVE ALL NECESSARY PERMITS. COMMISSIONER STRINGER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**RESOLUTION # 04-13-2015 R1:** A RESOLUTION REQUIRING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO FULLY COMPLY WITH THE FEDERAL DATA QUALITY ACT AND ALSO ADOPT THE STATE OF UTAH'S AND UTAH COUNTY'S GREATER SAGE GROUSE MANAGEMENT PLAN

THE WESTERN ENERGY ALLIANCE AND OTHER ENTITIES HAVE JOINED WITH DATA QUALITY ACT. THE COMMISSIONERS READ MOST OF THE RESOLUTION. THE COMMISSIONERS ARE URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO GIVE THE MANAGEMENT PLANS TIME TO WORK, ABOUT 10 YEARS, BEFORE THE SAGE GROUSE IS LISTED AS ENDANGERED. MANY ACRES AND A LOT OF MONEY HAS BEEN PUT INTO THESE PLANS AND THEY DESERVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK. THE DOCUMENTS PROVIDED TO ENCOURAGE THE LISTING ARE FAULTY AND INCOMPLETE. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS DETERMINED THE BEST WAY TO MAKE DECISIONS IS WITH SCIENTIFIC DATA. ONLY SOUND DATA SHOULD BE CONSIDERED. THESE DOCUMENTS APPEAR TO SUPPORT AN AGENDA AND ARE NOT SCIENTIFICALLY VALIDATED. THE RESOLUTION HAS A FEW MINOR CORRECTIONS THAT NEED TO BE MADE, SPECIFICALLY THE FINAL WHEREAS PARAGRAPH.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #04-13-2015 R1 WITH THE CORRECTIONS. COMMISSIONER STRINGER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MATT CAZIER ASKED IF OTHER STATES WERE ALSO INVOLVED. MOST OF THE WESTERN STATES ARE. THIS RESOLUTION IS BEING APPROVED IN MANY COUNTIES THROUGHOUT THE WEST. OTHER ENTITIES ARE ALSO TAKING A STAND.

MICHAEL WILKINS WANTED TO ENSURE A CORRECTED DOCUMENT WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR FILING IN HIS OFFICE. THE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WILL MAKE SURE IT IS CORRECTED AND PROVIDED.

## **RATIFICATION OF FOREST SERVICE SNOW GROOMING AGREEMENT**

COMMISSIONER STRINGER MOVED TO RATIFY THE FOREST SERVICE SNOW GROOMING AGREEMENT. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

## **ORDINANCE #04-13-2015 O1: FEE SCHEDULE CHANGE**

BRYAN MEIER ADDRESSED THE MEETING TO DISCUSS THE TWO ORDINANCES TOGETHER AS THEY ARE RELATED.

## **ORDINANCE #04-13-2015 O2: ROAD ENCROACHMENT TITLE 12.12**

SOMETIMES ROAD CUTS ARE NOT COMPACTED AS PER REQUIREMENTS AND PROTOCOL IS NOT ALWAYS FOLLOWED. THE ROAD DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE THE REQUIREMENTS TO REQUIRE FLOW FILL BACKFILL, SOMETIMES CALLED CEMENT TREATED FILL, RATHER THAN COMPACTING EVERY 18 INCHES AS THE CUT IS FILLED IN. IT IS TOO HARD TO MANAGE THE INSPECTIONS TO ENSURE COMPACTING IS BEING DONE CORRECTLY. SWITCHING REQUIREMENTS TO FLOW FILL WILL HELP STREAMLINE THE PROCESS AND PRODUCE BETTER QUALITY ROADS. REQUIREMENTS FOR GRAVEL ROADS WILL STAY THE SAME AT COMPACTING BACK FILL EVERY 8 INCHES. CURRENTLY, THERE IS A FIVE YEAR MORATORIUM. FLOW FILL WILL CUT THIS TO THREE YEARS. A SEAMLESS REPAIR WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED. THESE CHANGES WILL BE EASIER TO ENFORCE. GRAMMATICAL ERRORS WERE ALSO CORRECTED. ALL CABLES, CONDUITS, PIPELINES, UTILITIES, ETC. ARE TO BE 24 INCHES BELOW SURFACE GRADE. THEY WOULD LIKE TO ADD HIGH PRESSURE GAS LINES TO BE A MINIMUM OF 48 INCHES.

COMMISSIONER MCKEE ADDRESSED THE MORATORIUMS. THESE ARE IMPORTANT FOR PLANNING. BRYAN NOTED THAT DURING THE THREE YEAR PROPOSED MORATORIUM CHANGE, THEY WOULD STILL HAVE TO COME TO THE COMMISSION TO GET PERMISSION TO CUT THE ROAD. SEAMLESS REPAIR AND FLOW FILL IS STILL A HIGH EXPENSE DURING THE THREE YEARS. HE WOULD LIKE TO ADJUST THE FEE FROM \$3,000.00 TO \$1,000.00 AND ADD ANOTHER FEE FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT ENCROACHMENTS AT \$5,000.00. CURRENT REGULATIONS WOULD COST ABOUT \$2,000.00 FOR INSPECTIONS. FLOW FILL WOULD REDUCE THIS COST. CEMENT COSTS WOULD BE GREATER HOWEVER. COMPANIES HAVE THEIR OWN REQUIREMENTS REGARDING FILLING IN AROUND THEIR PIPES AND UTILITIES.

COMMISSIONER STRINGER ASKED ABOUT TIME LINES AND HOW LONG THE ROADS WOULD BE SHUT DOWN. CURRENTLY, THEY DO BACKFILLS WITH AN ASPHALT PATCH. OFTEN TIMES IN WINTER, IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO GET THE ASPHALT LAID AND MAY HAVE TO WAIT FOR WARMER WEATHER. FLOW FILL WILL HAVE TO HAVE A PLATE OVER THE CUT AS IT CURES FOR TWO DAYS. THE SEAMLESS REPAIR WOULD TAKE ABOUT FOUR TO SIX HOURS IN GENERAL. ROADS ARE TO BE KEPT OPEN UNLESS UNDER EXTREME CIRCUMSTANCES OR THE DETOUR PROCESS HAS BEEN COMPLIED WITH. THIS SHOULDN'T BE AN ISSUE VERY OFTEN. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND ALSO NOTED VERNAL CITY AND NAPLES CITY HAVE ALREADY IMPLEMENTED THESE CHANGES.

COMMISSIONER STRINGER MOVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE #04-13-2015 O1 AND ORDINANCE #04-13-2015 O2 AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS: NONE**

## **PUBLIC INPUT:**

COMMISSIONER MCKEE NOTED THE PROJECTIONS INDICATE ENERGY PRICES WILL BEGIN TO SLOWLY INCREASE. THESE INCREASING OIL AND GAS PRICES WILL HELP OUR ECONOMY.

**ADJOURN:** MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:43 AM.

  
MICHAEL MCKEE, CHAIR



  
MICHAEL W. WILKINS, CLERK-AUDITOR